

Committee For The Arts
Minutes
February 27, 2012
MPD Community Room

Present: Linda Phelan, Amy Cordiero, Richard Cambra, Diana Skaggs, Carmela Geer, Diane Kerins, Sharon Morgera, Rod O'Hanley, Lisa Hansel

1. Celebration of the Arts 2012

- Planning for this summer's event scheduled for August 18, 2012 at Paradise Park
- Children's Activities – Diane Kerins and Amy Cordeiro
- Volunteer Coordination and Recruitment -Richard and Carm
- 6 volunteers every 2 hours for logisitics
- 2 volunteers every 2 hours for children's activities
- 1 volunteer every 2 hours for the survey
- 2 volunteers every 2 hours to float
- PR and Marketing - Linda Phelan
- Signage and Rack Cards – Lisa Hansel
- Demonstrations and Workshops – Diane Kerins
- Silent Auction – Linda Phelan (artist's contribution)
- Sponsorships –
- Food Vendors – Amy Cordiero
- Performance Artists –Diana Skaggs
- Venue Management – Linda Phelan
- Artist Vendors – Linda Phelan
- Richard will invite the Middletown Historical Society to participate with the Windmill and School again
- Carm will invite Bruce Long to donate and participate in the event again

2. Old Business

- Oxbow Farm and Club Respect
- Krystin Dalrymple joined us to let us know that the administration from Oxbow was excited about an artistic project but had some requests.
- They asked that the murals be portable and not directly onto the walls.
- They loved the idea of a design contest for what they would like to see on their murals.
- They loved the D.A.R.E. themes or themes regarding respecting and helping the community.
- Krystin explained that she has not been able to meet formally with the Oxbow administrator but that the process has begun to get this idea rolling.
- The kids at club Respect are already excited about the opportunity to be involved in an art related project with the committee
- There are currently 50 kids that come and go on a regular basis

- The committee offered that a plan could be presented where instead of a contest for the winning entry to become the mural, the students could each create a theme based quilt-like entry that could be displayed by every child.
 - The next step in this process is to formally meet with the administrators from the Boys and Girls Club, Oxbow Farms and members of the committee.
 - Diana and Sharon will move forward with the meeting and will report back at our next meeting.
 - Amy suggested that projects like this one could be celebrated at our annual celebration.
3. Beach Stickers Project
 - Linda spoke with Tim Shaw to move forward with the beach sticker contest.
 - The deadline for the contest must be January of next year to have the stickers completed in time for the 2013 summer season.
 4. License Plates
 - Linda met with Senator DiPalma who explained that the entity engaging in this process must be a not-for-profit.
 - The state gets the first \$20 off of the initial registration for a specialized plate. 900 plates must be reserved (at \$40 per plate) for this process to move forward.
 - Linda will meet with the Town Administrator to see if it is possible for the committee to move forward with this idea.
 5. Student Committee Member
 - No one has stepped forward.
 - It was discussed that our meeting time is difficult for a student to make when balancing their schedules.
 - It was also suggested that we give out community service hours.
 - Diane and Lisa will continue their search.
 6. Endorsement process
 - Carm reported that the process of endorsements is very cumbersome.
 - The Committee would be happy to act as a venue supporter as opposed to an endorser.
 7. Database
 - Rod was able to share the Newport Annual exhibition catalog of participating artists with the Committee.
 8. Displays in public buildings
 - Richard reported that the Town has purchased the hanging equipment for displaying art work. Richard will contact Diane when the hangers are in to begin the process.
 - Diane reported that the process will be underway with the next school year.
 - The art work will be displayed in Town Hall.
 - Diane will meet with the Town Administrator when the time comes.
 9. Webpage
 - Richard also came back with webpage information.
 - Linda Phelan will contact the Town Administrator to set up a meeting with the Matt Wainwright, the Town's IT Director, to work on a webpage.

10. Beautifying Open Spaces

- This area of concern might be something to support if the garden club or another entity who is interested in moving forward with this project.

We adjourned 7:35pm.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2012.